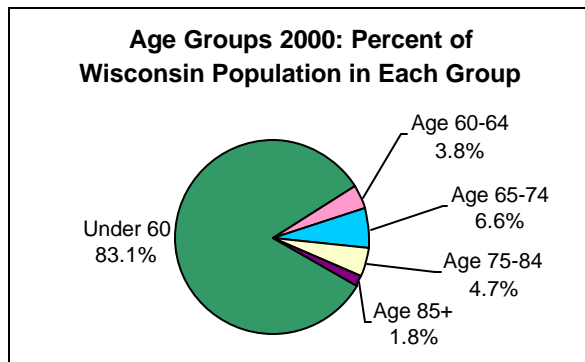

Wisconsin's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Wisconsin is higher than that of the nation as a whole (13.1% versus 12.4%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower than in the nation as a whole (7.9% versus 12.0%). In all, 702,553 people in Wisconsin are age 65 or older, and 95,625 of these are age 85 or older. Wisconsin's average (or median) age is 36 years, compared to a nationwide median of 35.3 years.

Wisconsin: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	5,363,675		4,891,769		471,906	9.6%
Persons 60 and over	907,552	16.9%	860,100	17.6%	47,452	5.5%
Persons 65 and over	702,553	13.1%	651,221	13.3%	51,332	7.9%
Persons 85 and over	95,625	1.8%	74,293	1.5%	21,332	28.7%



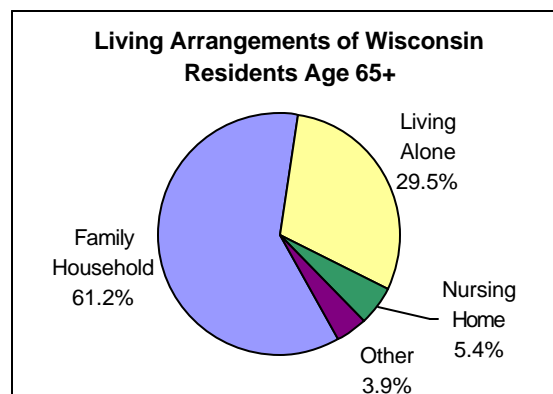
Race:

A large majority (96.4%) of Wisconsin's 65 and over population is white. On average, the state's minority groups are younger than whites. Wisconsin African Americans have a median age of 25.4 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.8 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.6 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 2,084,544 households in Wisconsin, 479,787 include at least one person age 65 or older (23.0% of all households). A total of 448,491 housing units in the state have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 75.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.5% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.0% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 38,199 people age 65 and older live in Wisconsin nursing homes (5.4% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the state's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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